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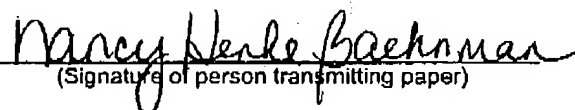
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO 1449 Form. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and a copy of each non-patent document listed on the form is also presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicants also wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached PTO Forms 1449 which list the documents that were submitted by Applicants in parent application USSN 09/444,082, issued as 6,645,190. In accordance with MPEP 609(I)(A)(2), copies of the documents listed thereon are not included since copies were previously submitted in the prior parent application; however, Applicants will provide copies for the Examiner upon request. It is Applicants' desire to have these documents available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to review. Applicants,

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therefore, request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each document and make all documents of record.

British Patent GB 2267024 is believed to be an English language equivalent of European Patent 0570980 and was provided in lieu of a translation of EP 0570980.

European Patent EP 0641552 is believed to be an English language equivalent of Japanese Patent 07-116191 and was provided in lieu of a translation of JP 07-116191.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

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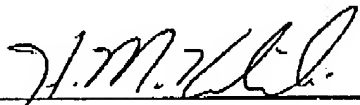
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